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SANDLOTTERS FAVOR LEAGUES TO TAKE PLACE OF INDEPENDENT TITLE SERIES

WASHINGTON TIMES SPORTS

By TAD

Judge Rummy

INDOOR SPORTS
GETTING A CALL DOWN FROM THE OWNER OF THE SPEAK EASY FOR STARTING A CRAP GAME

NO-NO-NONE O THAT-PUT THEM DICE AWAY-I'LL HAVE NO GAMBLING IN MY JOINT. SUPPOSE THE JOHN LAWS RAIDED ME AND FOUND YOUSE GAMBLIN' FER MONEY

IFMERES ANYTHING I ADMIRE ITS A LAW ABIDING CITIZEN

NEVER MIND MY TRIAL JUDGE- JUST SLIP ME A SENTENCE-THASS ALL

WOTS THE IDEA?

I HAVE NO CHANCE WITH 12 DAMES ON THE JURY

NO?

GEE I AINT GOT A CHANCE TO FOOL MY WIFE- WOTS THE GOOD OF ME TRYING TO KID 12 OF THEM

THATS RIGHT- YOU'RE WRONG

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CHAMPION GIBRALTARS READY FOR BASEBALL, TEAMS PLAN LEAGUES

By R. D. THOMAS.

With a snappy ball team that won the city independent championship last fall, the Gibraltar Athletic Club, of northeast, is one of the first to get things in shape for the coming season, and already is prepared to work on its schedule.

At a recent meeting officers were elected and plans made for a big season. Charles Deck will be the president; Garnie Beamer, vice president; J. W. Ballenger, business manager and secretary, and Alec Meinberg, a hustler from the world go, manager and treasurer.

Showing fine spirit at the start, every member of the club was present. Fourteen ballplayers are listed in the Gibraltar squad and every one seems worthy of a place on the team. There will be competition for the berths, which should work for the betterment of the team.

The outfield likely will be chosen from Bateman, Richardson Montague and Jett. Three of the quartet are left-hand hitters. All can swing the ball and are fast fielders. The infielders are Deck, G. Meinberg, Potter, Beamer, A. Meinberg, and Smith. These players proved their worth last season.

Reds Hager is the team's only catcher and smiling Reds packs enough stuff to get the Gibraltars by without any other receiver, barring injury. He is a powerful hitter.

Beamer, Ballenger, Calhoun and Brown are the pitchers. Every one is capable and steady. In fact, these four hurlers will compose probably one of the really strong, well balanced pitching staffs of the coming season. Many teams were handicapped last year by inadequate pitching material.

Notable among these was the Beamer club, which won the junior independent championship after a tough struggle. Jean Brayton was forced to pitch nearly every game the Roamers played and his work as an iron man was a feature of the great independent series.

Judging from talk among the sandlotters now, the series will not be repeated next season. Nearly all leaders favor the organization of several leagues instead.

The playing of a few games is far from satisfactory in determining championship teams. Little doubt as to the best team is left after it has beaten everything in a league through a season.

There are likely to be enough teams in the field this year to make up at least two fine leagues in each of the three classes that competed in the series. The proper organization of these with a post-season series for the championship in each class is looked upon generally as a good plan.

The foundation of one league already is well laid. The ten clubs composing the Athletic Club Bowling League could easily change over at the end of the bowling season to a splendid baseball circuit. The clubs represented in the bowling league are the Brookland, Brookmont, Metropolitan, Temperance, Dominican, Lyceum, Garfield, Harlem, Knickerbocker, Linworth and Pericles.

With the exception of Temperance, all of these played independent ball last year and most of them did well. It would be a strong league, made up of these clubs, with enough veteran material to give firmness to the executive staff.

The Linworth club, included in the above list, won the midget championship last year and probably would want to be represented in that class this season, but the southwest club has grown in membership since the series and could easily put teams in both the unlimited and midget classes.

Regardless of plans for a league, or several of them, represented in the time being are in the field for independent games and other teams interested in booking contests are requested to get in touch with J. W. Ballenger, the new business manager and secretary, at Apartment 34, The Astoria, Third and G streets northwest.

A welcome addition to baseball ranks this year will be the Mohawk club, which went through

Indian Spring Club Gets Fine Grass for Greens

The Indian Spring Golf Club today closed a contract for sufficient original German creeping bent grass for all of the holes of its new course now being constructed by Donald Ross, the Pinehurst golf-course architect.

German creeping bent is conceded to be the best golf-green grass in the world, and the club was fortunate in obtaining enough for its needs from the first shipment received in this country since the war.

Ross will plant considerable of this in his propagating beds, so that there will be always enough on hand to take care of the greens.

FRED MITCHELL LAUDS GRID STAR NOW WITH YANKS

Fred Mitchell, manager of the Boston Braves, is interestingly quoted in an interview in a Boston paper concerning Glenn Killinger, Penn State football star, who goes South with the Yankees this spring.

Killinger is an infielder, a third baseman, and Mitchell thinks he will make good, though he has never seen him off a football field. Mitchell bases his prediction on a firm belief that football, contrary to the generally accepted belief, is not detrimental to baseball. Mitchell thinks that, on the contrary, football players ought to make good baseball players. Mitchell says that it was merely accidental that Jim Thorpe did not make the grade as a big league star. But Mitchell still thinks that Thorpe was a good player.

Eddie Mahan, he says, would have been a good pitcher had it not been for an injury sustained during his school days that hurt his pitching arm.

Mitchell bases his belief on the fact that courage plays a big part in the making of any big league star. "The biggest difference between major and minor league ball players is courage," he is quoted as saying in the interview with Burt Whitman, the Boston writer. "Right now there are a good many minor leaguers who are as speedy, as smart, and as clever as fellows holding down the big league jobs at much higher salaries. But you will find that the big leagues has more courage. His nerve stays up. He does not give in. He does not get disappointed or discouraged so easily. "These football players are the same way. They have the heart. They must have it to make good in that game. Wasn't Bill Carrigan a football player? Wasn't Eddie Collins? Wasn't Frank Frisch? I'm strong for the football player who goes into 'pro' baseball."

AL KROOG, HURLER, MAY MAKE GOOD WITH COBB

Ty Cobb has a hunch that one Al Kroog, a former Boston high school pitching phenom, is going to be a great help to the Detroit club this season. Dan Howley, Tiger coach, signed the youth, who measures six feet high and scales at 190 pounds.

Strunk a Holdout.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Amos Strunk, the White Sox outfielder, has returned unsigned his 1922 contract, and says he will welcome a trade or sale to some other club.

Says Damon Runyon: Little Criqui Hurt in War.

THAT lost Criqui-Ledoux match finally came to light Saturday in Paris.

It was originally scheduled for several weeks ago, and judging from the number of telephonic demands we received for news of the event, there was much local interest in the outcome. This is perhaps due to the fact that Charley Ledoux made many friends around New York during his visits here.

The pudgy Charles was stopped in a round by Eugene Criqui. This was a bit sooner than anticipated, but the general result was about what might have been expected. Criqui figures a best on form. Ledoux, at his best a pretty fair bantam, has been going back for some time.

Criqui, but for injuries received in the war, might have been one of the greatest little fighters the ring has ever known. He is a terrific hitter. During the war he received a shrapnel wound in the face that has since been a big handicap to him. He can give punishment, but he cannot take much of it.

He has been whipped by Tommy Noble, the Englishman, now boxing in this country as a featherweight, and he was stopped by Pat Moore in fourteen rounds. He went to Australia and fought with great success over there. Before the war he won most of his battles by knockouts.

Developed Before War.

CRIQUE was one of the many French fighters developed just before the war whose true ring ability will never be known. Some, like Criqui, were wounded. Some were killed.

Willie Lewis, the American, who assisted in the development of boxing in France, has always said that the "best fighter he saw over there, not excepting the great Carpentier, was Georges Bernard, a middleweight, who was killed in the war.

Ledoux was badly gassed, and never regained the form he displayed before the war. Carpentier did not seem greatly affected by his experiences, yet it is probable that had Georges spent the four years he was in the army in active ring work he would have been a better pugilist.

Delmont Was First.

THE first American boxer to enlist for the war, according to the records, was Gene Delmont, the little Italian from Memphis, Tenn., called "Gentleman Gene."

Gene went overseas with the very first American contingent and saw a great deal of service. For some time Gene has been working in a vaudeville sketch as sparring partner to Jimmy Huxsey and has done little real fighting.

Now Gene announces his return to the ring, and he is not picking any soft spot when he says he wants to fight Johnny Dundee for the 130-pound title. Gene has fought about every other lightweight fighter in the country except Dundee, who is his old pal, but now he is after John.

Ted May Fool Him.

IF Georges Carpentier and his manager, Descamps, think they are displaying any strategy by dodging a match with Tom Gibbons to take on Ted (Kid) Lewis, they are somewhat mistaken.

It is no cinch Carpentier can beat Lewis. The dashing, smashing, splashing Ted seems to have become a crafty lad in his old age. He never was exactly what you would call a "sucker," and, with added poundage to his frame,

Braved Death in Race Car But is Hit by Taxi

Louie Chevrolet braved death while at the wheel of his racing cars for several years without injury, only to get smashed up while riding in a taxicab in Chicago.

Barney Oldfield says that he is in constant terror of being bumped by a flivver. There used to be a thrill of danger in running across the Jericho Turnpike during the running of the Vanderbilt Cup race, but the daredevil doesn't exist who could dodge Fifth Avenue traffic and live to tell it.

COLGATE TO GO IN FOR BOXING AND MAT GAME

Holds Three Titles.

TED KID, who couldn't hold even one title in America any longer than it took Jack Britton to catch up with him, is now the holder of three English titles. He is the welterweight, middleweight and light heavyweight champion of England.

If memory serves, he was once the featherweight champion of England. That was before Charley Harvey brought him to America. We doubt if any other fighter has ever held four titles, and certainly there has not been one in recent years to hold three at the same time. Johnny Buff, with his world bantamweight title and his claim on the American flyweight title, is the nearest approach we have to Ted Kid.

TONIGHT'S BOWLING BATTLES.

Internal Revenue League—Sales Tax vs. Tobacco and Miscellany, at Recreation.

Athletic Club League—Metropolitan vs. Peerless, at 1119 H street northeast.

Commercial League—Galt's vs. People's, at Recreation.

Mt. Pleasant League—Southern Railway vs. Barker Bakery, at Mt. Pleasant.

Aracade League—Raphaels vs. Cy-clones, at Arcade.

Typhotheta League—Thayer vs. Browwood.

Bankers League—Bank of Washington vs. Metropolitan, at Recreation.

Washington Girls League—Nationals vs. City Postoffice, at City Postoffice.

District League—The Temple vs. Districts, at The Temple.

Odd Fellows League—Salem vs. Central, at Rathskeller.

Knights of Columbus League—Christopher vs. Trinidad, at Rathskeller.

Hebrew Inter-Club League—Junior League vs. Aurora, at Grand Central.

Knights of Pythias League—Columbia vs. Franklin; Webster vs. Capital; Calanthe vs. Syracusans; Century-Decatur vs. Amaranth, at The Temple.

Business Men's League—Woodward and Lothrop vs. Doubleday-Hill, at Recreation.

Bureau League—Liverty Loan vs. Surface, at Recreation.

Masonic League—Lebanon vs. King Solomon; Hope vs. Naval; Acadia vs. Stansbury, at Sherman's.

Nautical League—Washington Canoe Club vs. Potomac, at Arcade.

Harlow comes to Colgate at an opportune time. Out of last year's big football squad, only three members are left—Moshier, Edkins and Capt. "Bob" Webster. No less than thirteen varsity men are available. Colgate looks forward to a return to its old gridiron glory.

MT. ST. JOSEPH'S PLAYERS COME HERE FOR CONTEST

Two times thus far this season the tappers representing Mount St. Joseph's of Baltimore have invaded Washington courts and two times they have returned home with victories. On their first trip over they downed the Gonzaga basketballers. The next time they beat out the Business High five.

Saturday evening they made their third Washington invasion with a win over the Aloysius Reserves as their objective. The Aloysius Reserves are made up, in large, of Gonzaga graduates and they have sworn to do their utmost to wipe out that Gonzaga defeat. The teams will do battle in the North Capitol Street gym.

Schulte on Coast.

Frank Schulte, who played right field for the Griffins in 1918, will be in Seattle's outfield this spring.

LOANS HORNING
DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY
South End of Highway Bridge

COL. BAKER IS INJECTING LOW COMEDY BY HIS TALK

By SID MERCER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Even a touch of low comedy is welcome when it serves to enliven a dull winter in baseball. Now comes William F. Baker, owner of the Phillies, crying for vengeance on certain National League club owners he caught tampering with his players. Mr. Baker would have these moral pirates chastised, and he has already warmed up a slapstick to swing at them next week when the annual schedule meeting of the league takes place here.

Mr. Baker states an obvious truth when he solemnly declares he has never tampered with a player not employed by him. There will be none to dispute this. The lowly standing of the Phillies, in fact, proves it. The only way to tempt a ballplayer to join the Phillies is to hit him on the head with a club or offer him the privileges of the Philadelphia mint. Mr. Baker has never done either.

The by-laws of the National League provide for a fine of \$1,000 for any owner or manager who tampers with a player on another club. Branch Rickey has been named as one of the culprits in the corruption of the Phillies. The Brooklyn club is also under suspicion.

Rickey is supposed to have made covetous remarks about Pitcher Lee Meadows, and some official or employee of the Brooklyn club is supposed to have influenced Shortstop Arthur Fletcher to "retire" last year in the hope that he might be transferred to the Dodgers at a larger salary.

The St. Louis magnate recently was quoted as predicting that Meadows would land with the Giants. Baker, however, has not involved the New York club, which now employs a couple of players once members of the Phillies.

While not made officially, the charge that Emil Meusel deliberately made himself useless to the Philadelphia club so that he could be transferred to the Giants was a matter of public gossip last summer. The Phillies have few stars left now, and Prexy Baker fears they will be snatched from him.

No "tampering" is required to make a first-class ball player dissatisfied with a Philadelphia berth. Men who could hustle with first division teams know there is no future for them which chronic tailenders. They become discouraged and doubtless play for their release.

Joe Dugan rallied against this fate for two years and finally received the coveted transfer. Meusel went from a loser to a world's champion ship club. These moves naturally cause discontent among players who are wasting fine talent with no hope of real appreciation.

Players can think for themselves. In nearly every case it alleged "tampering" the player start the negotiations.

In his present plight Prexy Baker is not getting much sympathy. He sold Alexander and Killifer for \$50,000 and disposed of the captain of his team, Dave Hancock, in mid-season for an even greater sum.

The Phillies can hardly be blamed for going on individual strikes who they see how well their departed brethren have fared.

ZBYSZKO RETAINS MAT TITLE IN GARDEN BOUL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Stanislaus Zbyszko still reigns as wrestling king today following his defeat of Earl Caddock in two out of three falls last night at Madison Square Garden. About 10,000 spectators viewed the match, the first championship event to be held under the new State rules which permit "flying falls."

Church Cubs Win.

The Immaculate Conception Church Cubs won their eighth straight game yesterday by defeating the Trenton A. C. 14 to 11. The Cubs claim the 75-80-pound title and are willing to defend it against any team. Phone Pat Byrne, North 8055.

Warner Will Leave.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7.—Glen Warner, with two more years to serve under his contract, may be released before spring practice begins.

Buys a Discretion Cigar
A Great Big Good Big Nickels Worth
PEOPLES DRUGSTORES